

National meeting, public procession held in celebration of 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung



Kim Jong Un attends the events and extends warm greetings to all people celebrating the Day of the Sun

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A national meeting and a public procession of Pyongyang Municipality took place with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on April 15, the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president

of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the events.

When the respected General Secretary appeared in the tribune of honour of the square amid the playing of the welcome music, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" for him along with fireworks let off and balloons released.

He extended warm greetings to all the people celebrating the significant Day of the Sun with high political enthusiasm and proud labour successes, warmly waving back to the loudly cheering crowds.

The tribune of honour were taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK,

first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun,

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member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet.

Among those at the tribune were senior officials of the Party and the government, directors and first deputy directors of departments of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of the Cabinet, working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies, and officials and persons of merit who distinguished themselves in implementing the Party policies.

Ri Yong Gil, Kwon Yong Jin, Rim Kwang Il and other leading officials of the armed forces organs appeared at the tribune.

Present at the meeting were officials of the WPK Central Committee, officials of ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools, officials of institutions and industrial establishments and working people in Pyongyang.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political

Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a report "The great Comrade Kim Il Sung's undying revolutionary history will be immortal along with the victorious advance of the cause of Juche".

He recalled the noble revolutionary career of the President run through with the idea of "The people are God", saying that he dedicated himself to protecting the dignity and rights of the people and providing them with happiness, sharing his destiny with the people all his life. And he noted that all the Korean people keep deeper in their hearts, despite shifts in generation, the truth that eternal victory and prosperity are in store for their country and the dignity, glory and happiness of the people are ensured, thanks to April 15 1912, the birthday of the President.

He stressed it is a brilliant review of 110 years of Kim Il Sung's Korea that our country will demonstrate its might as the world's most powerful one perfectly embodying the ideal of its people in the face of any storm and stress when we add eternal brilliance to the greatest exploits performed by the

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President generation after generation and vigorously and invariably advance along the path of Juche paved by the President.

As there are encyclopedic revolutionary legacies representing the sacred careers of the President and Chairman Kim Jong Il and the tested guidance of the WPK Central Committee led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, our state and people will always emerge victorious, he noted, appealing to the participants to make a dynamic advance

to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by the President and bring earlier the day when the ideal of the WPK, which regards it as the supreme principle of its activities to promote the wellbeing of the people, will be materialized perfectly.

After the national meeting the procession began.

A column of citizens holding a large flag of the DPRK symbolic of their dignified state entered the square.

They were full of pride and confidence of having adorned every decade of the revolution with victories and glory,



adding luster to their national flag century after century.

When a column of demonstrators escorting the cars carrying the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il entered the square, fireworks were let off and numberless balloons were released.

Columns of workers, peasant dancers and others marched past the square, holding aloft the boards bearing such slogans as “Our socialist country built by the President!”, “Legendary Chollima brought by the President!” and “Endless journey for people!”

The respected General Secretary acknowledged the cheers of the dependable people who remain faithful to their Party and state with single-minded loyalty and revolutionary spirit.

Such catchphrases symbolic of great history as “Independence in politics, self-supporting in economy and self-reliance in defence”, “Chollima Korea” and “Path of Juche” were displayed on the square to represent the unshakable faith that only victory and glory are in store for the Korean people who are making a dauntless

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Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun on greatest national holiday



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun together with his wife Ri Sol Ju on April 15, the Day of the Sun which is the greatest holiday of the Korean nation.

Accompanying him were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK

and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People’s Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, other senior Party and government officials, officials of the Party Central Committee, members of the Cabinet and leading officials of working

people’s organizations.

Leading officials of the armed forces organs were also present there.

Placed at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il was a flower basket from General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

Also laid before the statues were the baskets of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee and the State Affairs Commission, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People’s Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The General Secretary and his wife,

together with other visitors, paid high tribute at the statues of the great leaders.

At the halls of immortality where the President and the Chairman are preserved in their lifetime appearance, the General Secretary and his wife made deep bows as a token of their best wishes of immortality to the great leaders who built Korean-style socialism guided by the idea of “The people are God” on this land, made the unprecedentedly glorious history of victory and miracles and laid the eternal foundations for ensuring the dignity and prosperity of posterity.

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advance with firm confidence in justice and victory of their cause.

Columns of youth and students, service persons’ families and persons of merit and children’s union members showcased their strong aspiration to fulfill their duty and mission as the descendants of the President and soldiers

and disciples of the Chairman by holding the President and the Chairman in high esteem as their eternal leaders and successfully accomplishing the cause of Juche under the uplifted banner of continuous revolution.

A column of demonstrators holding a large red flag bearing such catchphrases as “Powerful socialist country”, “Single-hearted unity” and

“Self-reliance” marched past the square to decorate the end of the procession, demonstrating the powerful spirit of the Korean people who are bringing earlier a new victory of revolution under the uplifted banner of our state-first principle, led by the respected General Secretary.

The respected General Secretary warmly waved back to cheering

crowds.

The national meeting and the public procession of Pyongyang Municipality fully demonstrated the revolutionary spirit and will of the Korean people to achieve the overall prosperity and development of Korean-style socialism by single-mindedly and devotedly upholding the leadership of the respected General Secretary.

Pyongyang's new landscape symbolic of people-first idea of WPK and signal development of Juche-oriented architecture

Kim Jong Un cuts ribbon at inauguration ceremony of Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District



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A distinctive terraced houses district has been built on the scenic banks of the Pothong River in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, amid continued erection of monumental edifices symbolic of the development of civilization of Korean-style socialism under the grandiose plan for national prosperity unfolded at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who considers the people's laughter and happiness to be a criterion for assessing the national power, initiated the building of a luxurious residential district, which will serve as a fresh springboard for the country's architectural development, to present it to the persons of merit

who contributed to the prosperity and development of the country. He personally organized and guided the whole process of its construction.

The district, in which formative art, practicability and convenience are ensured at the highest level, has taken its shape at a time-honoured fine location in the centre of the capital city under the warm care of the great Party Central Committee as a new model of housing construction and a world of fantasy in which people happily will enjoy a new civilization of socialism.

An inauguration ceremony took place on April 13 with splendour.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the

ceremony.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet.

Also attending it were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong Hwan, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, First Deputy Department Director Ri Hi Yong and other officials of the WPK Central Committee, officials of ministries and national agencies and Party and power organs in the capital city, those of the units involved in

construction, builders, persons of merit and their family members who would move into Kyongru-dong, and other Pyongyang citizens.

When the respected General Secretary arrived at the ceremony venue, the participants greeted him with thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" amid a display of fireworks.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Jo Yong Won addressed the ceremony.

Referring to the great excitement at the emergence of a flourishing socialist living space, which epitomizes the Party Central Committee's noble outlook on the people, in a sacred site

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associated with President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary life, Jo Yong Won stressed that it is the firm will of the Party Central Committee and the consistent policy of the DPRK government to make the people supporting the Party and the state with their painstaking efforts enjoy the best civilization before anyone else, considering that their dedication of sweat and conscience to the sake of the country is more valuable than a thousand pieces of gold.

Saying the owners of Kyongru-dong should continue to add glory to their worthwhile life as treasures of the country and standard-bearers of their collective, cherishing the memory of the current excitement forever, he expressed belief that Kyongru-dong would be eternally admired as a residential area of genuine patriots dedicating their pure conscience and fervent enthusiasm to the prosperity of the country along with its elegant name.

The General Secretary cut a ribbon to inaugurate the district.

At that moment, thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" reverberated throughout the ceremony venue with fireworks set off and countless balloons released, gorgeously decorating the sky above the Pothong River where a new legend of love for the people in the era of the Workers' Party has been created.

The General Secretary warmly waved back to the loudly cheering crowds.

The General Secretary met and warmly congratulated the persons of merit, including Ri Chun Hi and Choe Song Won, chief announcers of the Radio-Television Broadcasting Committee of the DPRK, and Tong Thae Gwan, a member of the editorial board of the Rodong Sinmun Offices, who were among the cheering crowds.

Holding hands of Ri Chun Hi making a deep bow to him as an expression of her deep gratitude to him for providing her with a marvellous dwelling house, he

went to Block No. 7 of Kyongru-dong where she would live in.

Witnessing such a touching sight, in which the top leader of a country shares feelings with people, the participants in the event raised louder cheers.

Looking round the family room and other living rooms in her house, the General Secretary listened to the impressions of her family members with fatherly care and took a measure of benevolence so that the aged announcer would not feel any inconvenience while going up and down the stairs in her house.

The veteran announcer told him in excited tones that her house with all amenities is just like a hotel and all members of her family stayed up all night in tears of deep gratitude for the Party's benevolence.

Hearing her words in joy, the General Secretary said it is the sincerity of the Party that there is nothing to spare for the treasures of the country like her who

has worked as a revolutionary announcer for the Party for more than 50 years since her girlhood. And he highly praised her for speaking to the world the voice of the Party and Juche Korea with youthful vigour and enthusiasm despite her age nearing eighty.

Noting that the veteran women announcers, whom the Party is proud of, are doing very important work of informing the world of the policies of the Party and the state and the prestige of the country, he placed deep trust in them as he said that they should not only achieve continuous successes in their job with ardent passion but also do their bit in training young announcers who would shoulder the future of broadcasting.

Expressing expectation that she would as ever vigorously continue her work in good health as befitting a spokeswoman for the Party Central Committee, he had a photo taken with her family.

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He also visited the houses of Choe Song Won and Tong Thae Gwan to warmly congratulate their families on moving into new houses before having photos taken with them.

Acknowledging the bows they repeatedly made in tears, gripped by profound gratitude, he told them that such phrase as a world for the people

is not merely a slogan to our Party, in which a trait of unconditionally serving the people has been established, and our people, who firmly uphold their sovereignty with their own efforts, are the full-fledged masters who deserve a happy and highly civilized life.

He said that he misses President Kim Il Sung more than ever before as a luxurious residential district has been built at a site associated with his

revolutionary life on the occasion of the significant Day of the Sun.

Stressing that it is a filial duty and noble obligation for the descendants of the President to live up to his expectations, the General Secretary said that our Party, true to the intention of the President, built a fine street for the people whom he had loved so much all his life and he would have been satisfied to see the cosy dwellings built for the patriots and

persons of merit in the place where his residence had once been located.

Warmly holding the hands of persons of merit who were following him step by step, reluctant to be away from him, he repeatedly wished them a happy future and promised them that he would make time to visit their houses again in the future.

After the ceremony, Pyongyang citizens looked around the dwellings with their owners.



Monumental edifice marking a new turning point in promotion of Korean-style socialist civilization

Inauguration ceremony of Songhwa Street held with splendour

Kim Jong Un cuts a ribbon to inaugurate new street



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An ideal street for the people has been erected majestically in the Songsin and Songhwa area of the capital city of Pyongyang to demonstrate the high spirit and remarkable creativity of the Korean people, who are vigorously advancing toward the brighter future of Korean-style socialism under the leadership of the great Workers' Party of Korea, and the rapid development of the country dashing forward to attain a grandiose goal.

Built in the eastern gateway to Pyongyang according to the unique architectural development plan of the Party Central Committee and the plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Party, Songhwa Street is an outcome of the WPK's long-cherished desire to provide the people with more stable and civilized living conditions and successfully solve the housing shortage of capital citizens. The street is, at the same time, the first entity symbolic of the new era of comprehensive development seething with great creation and changes.

True to the noble intention of the Party Central Committee to turn Pyongyang into the centre of the Juche idea, Juche-oriented culture and Korean-style civilization and into the great city of the people, the soldiers and other builders involved in the project performed an eye-opening miracle of building the distinctive grand architectural

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group of 10 000 flats, including an 80-storey skyscraper, in a year by waging a strenuous onward campaign of loyalty, the fierce 24-7 struggle, despite manifold challenges and trials.

Through the construction of the street which marked a new turning point of development in the capital city construction, the Korean people and service personnel fully demonstrated the validity of the Party's Juche-oriented idea on architectural beauty, the potentiality of the self-supporting economy and the irresistible might of the single-minded unity of the Party and the masses and vividly showed the true picture of Korean-style socialism vigorously advancing toward the bright future.

An inauguration ceremony of the street was held with splendour on April 11.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

When he arrived at the ceremony venue, fireworks were set off and the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!"

All the participants cheered enthusiastically as a token of their deep reverence for General Secretary Kim Jong Un who set the people-first principle as the eternal political idea and unshakeable political mode of the WPK and has dedicated himself to building an ideal socialist society brimming with the laughter and happiness of the people.

Present at the ceremony were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet.

Also attending it were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yong Hwan, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, members of the headquarters for the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, officials from Party and power organs in the capital city, soldier- and civilian-builders and Pyongyang citizens.

The participants also included working people, students and children who are to live in the new street of the people successfully completed under the leadership of the WPK.

The venue of the ceremony was filled with absolute trust in and fervent admiration for the Party Central Committee that vigorously leads the people to a new era of creation and miracles, bringing all their dreams and ideals into brilliant fruition.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Kim Tok Hun delivered the inaugural address at the ceremony.

There are many splendid inauguration ceremonies recorded in the DPRK's history of grand construction for promoting the well-being of the people, but this event is associated with many touching stories that are really unforgettable and should not be forgotten, the speaker said, adding that the Songhwa area is the monument to the great love which was erected by the strong faith that the things desired and anticipated by the people must be done without fail in any situation.

He expressed belief that the citizens of Pyongyang moving into new houses amid the blessings of the whole country would always remember this eventful moment and dedicate their all to the prosperity of the country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut a ribbon to inaugurate the street.

Fireworks were let off and balloons released and all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

with deep gratitude to the General Secretary who builds a land of bliss for the people with his warm love, repeatedly showing great benevolence for them.

The General Secretary warmly waved back to them, wishing them happiness in the new street and new houses.

The ceremony venue was flooded with great excitement of the capital citizens, who could hardly repress their deep gratitude to the tender-hearted father for his benevolence as warm as sunlight in spring, looking up to him with tears in their eyes.

The General Secretary warmly waved back to the cheering crowds for a long time, sincerely wishing his people a happy and highly civilized life in their modern dwellings.

After the ceremony, Party and government cadres looked round the street.

Seeing the imposing 80-storey sky-



scraper, an elevated bridge, public catering facilities and others, they more keenly realized that every moment and day spent for putting great ideas into practice by the General Secretary, who continues his journey of devoted service for the people, unhesitatingly going through thick and thin for their sake, have resulted in providing the cornerstone of the country's prosperity and adding glory to the new era of the Workers' Party when the whole country overflows with the people's happiness.

Walking along the new street symbolic of high civilization, the blessed citizens unanimously said our Party, state, society and policy are the best, out of their irrepressible gratitude toward the motherly Party which willingly burdens itself for the sake of the people with a heavy duty in the harshest-ever time.

More deeply realizing the immutable truth that victory, glory, happiness and a rosy future are in store for them when they firmly trust and follow the General Secretary, they firmly pledged to take the lead in creating new things and making innovations and become the performers of feats in the honourable and proud struggle for the prosperity and development of the country.

Songhwa Street, which has been built by the noble intention of the WPK that confidently brings earlier a new world and era of a prosperous and powerful nation under the uplifted banner of "The people are God", single-minded unity and self-reliance, will shine forever as a monument to the warm love for the people in the great era of Kim Jong Un along with the rosy morrow of the capital city of Pyongyang which will be transformed into a more magnificent city.



Order of Chairman of WPK Central Military Commission issued

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, on Thursday gave an order to promote the military ranks of commanding officers on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, in the order, expressed firm belief that all the commanding officers, the hard core of the armed forces of the DPRK, would fully discharge their duties in the honorable struggle to turn the revolutionary armed forces into the elite ones under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, remaining boundlessly loyal to the Party and the revolution.

According to the order, Kim Jong Gwan, Kim Myong Sik, Kim Kwang Hyok, Jong Kyong Thack, O Il Jong and Kang Sun Nam were promoted to general,

Choe Tu Yong, Kwon Thae Yong and Pak Su Il to colonel general.

Choe Chun Gil, Ri Pong Chun, Kim Jong Chol, Kim Song Chol, Kim Song Gi, Yun Pyong Gwon, Kim Jin Chol, O Pyong Chol, Kim Jong Chol, Ri Ju Hong, Kim Yong Ho, O Song Il, Nam Ki Ho, Kim Won Chol, Ri Song Hun and Kim Pok Nam were promoted to lieutenant general,

Kim Chang Guk, Pang Song Hwan, Kim Pong Ho, Kim Song Chan, Ri Hung Sok, Pak Myong Su, Nam Sung Jin, Kim Tong Gun, Yom Phil Song, Ri Tu Il, Choe Kang Ryol, Ri Song Chol, Chae Chang Nam, Ha Kyong Jun, Kim Hung Gyo, Choe Kwon Sik, Jon Yong Hak, Song In Chol, Jong Chol Nam, Kang Kye Jin, Sin Myong Ho, Ri Kwang Ho, Ji Yong Bok, Ri Chol Ho, Kim Ju Song, Ri Chon Yong, Nam Tong Il, Ryu Chol Nam, Om Won Nam, Choe Won Chol, Song Ki Jun, Won Chang Ho, Pak Jong Gil, Pak Kwang Chol, Kim Kum Chol, Om Myong Bin, Jang Song Ryong, Pak Thae Bok, Hwang Song Chol, Kim Jong Nam, Kim Tong Chol, Yu Song Chol, Hong Yong Chol, Song Won Chol, Kim Jong Song, Ri Won Ho, Kim Chun Myong, Pak Yong Chol, Sim Yong Bu, Pak Il Su, Pak Thae I, Kim Un Ho, Kim Chol Ung, Ho Jong Ho, Ri Song Ryol, Kim Myong Su, Choe Sung Chol, Ri Yong Chol, Kim Hyok Chol, Ri Yong Son, Kim Song Ho, Ri Man Gil, Kim Tae Yon, Pak Hyok, Paek Sok Chol, Pak Ryong Ju, Ryo Kwang Ryong, Yun Hyo Song, Kim Chan Bong and So Kang Chol to major general.

President Kim Il Sung's 110th birth anniversary celebrated with splendour

Whole country celebrates 110th birthday of Kim Il Sung

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All the people throughout the DPRK celebrated the

110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung with splendour.

Working people and

service personnel visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun with profound yearning for the President and

extended the best wishes of immortality to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Working people, service members, youth and students presented baskets of flowers, bouquets and flowers at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and their beaming images across the country.

A constant stream of people from all walks of life flowed to President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae.

Meetings were held in every province to award state commendations to officials and working people who distinguished themselves for the prosperity of the country to mark the 110th birthday of the President.

The joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took

place in every province, city and county.

Working people's organizations in all parts of the country held celebratory meetings.

A variety of performances were held in Pyongyang and other areas.

Drama "Devoted Service for the Good of People" was staged at the National Theatre and an acrobatic performance given at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre.

Artists from artistic motivational teams, mobile artistic motivational teams, artistic group members and others in the city gave outdoor performances in different places.

Football games were played at Kim Il Sung Stadium and Sosan Football Ground, Taekwon-Do and judo contests were held at the

Taekwon-Do Hall and the Combat Sports Gymnasium on Chongchun Street, while sports games were played in all institutions, industrial establishments, farms and universities.

The Central Zoo, Natural History Museum, Munsu Water Park and other cultural resting places in the capital city were packed with visitors.

That day, working people spent a good time at public catering and other networks of communal amenities.

The yearning for the President pervaded the dance and evening party grounds of youth and students and working people in provincial seats, cities and counties.

That evening, there were firework displays in Sinuiju, Sariwon, Wonsan, Chongjin and other provincial seats.



People from all walks of life visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

Banquet held to mark 110th birth anniv of Kim Il Sung

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The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea gave a banquet in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on April 15.

It was attended by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the

Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the

WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, other senior officials of Party and government, the chairman of a friendly party, officials of the Cabinet, ministries, national agencies and armed forces' organs, persons of merit and model workers in

the capital city.

The banquet started with the playing of the national anthem.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, made a speech.

He paid the highest tribute and eternal glory to

Kim Il Sung, father of socialist Korea, saviour of the nation through all generations and eternal image of the WPK and the state, as a reflection of the unanimous mind of all the people and service personnel.

He said that only victory and glory are in store for the people who are firmly rallied around their leader and loyal

to his guidance and stressed the need for everyone to fulfil their duty and obligation as true revolutionary soldiers in supporting faithfully and sincerely the idea and leadership of the Party Central Committee which leads the struggle for the prosperity and development of the country and the well-being of the people to a bright future.

Grand performance given to mark Day of Sun

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Grand art performance "Song of Eternal Sun" in celebration

of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung was given in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in

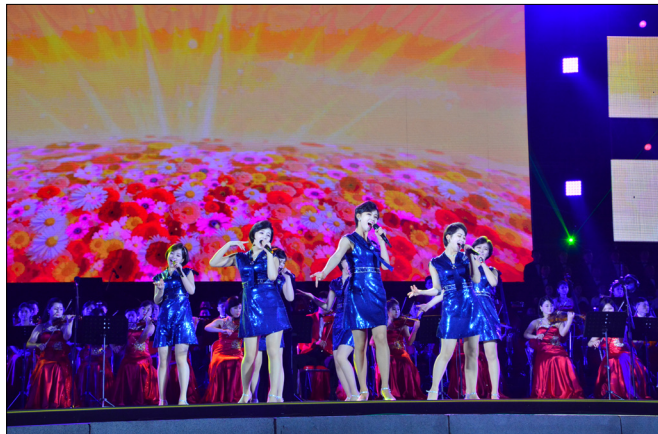
Pyongyang on Friday.

Creative and performing artists and students from central art troupes and art

educational institutions put on stage monumental hymns, odes to the Workers' Party and marching songs of the

times which are widely sung by the people enjoying happiness in the bosom of the great Sun.

Fireworks went off to light up the nocturnal sky of April amid the playing of the songs in praise of the Sun.



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Grand art performance "Song of Eternal Sun" is given in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang.

Youth and students hold gala evening

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On April 15, youth and students held a grand gala evening at Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square.

As merry singing resounded through the nocturnal sky, the participants started a celebratory dance party with boundless respect for President Kim Il Sung.

It climaxed with a firework display.



JANG KYONG NAM / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

A gala evening of youth and students is held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang.

Commemorative coins to be issued



Commemorative coins "110th Birth Anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung" (gold and silver).

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The Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly released a decree on issuing commemorative coins "110th Birth Anniversary

of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung" on the occasion of his 110th anniversary.

The coins are minted in gold and silver ones.

The Standing Committee of the Supreme People's

Assembly approved the diagram, sizes and composition of the coins.

According to the decree, practical measures will be taken by the DPRK Cabinet and relevant agencies to implement it.

National book exhibition opens

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A national book exhibition opened in Pyongyang in celebration of the Day of the Sun.

On display at the venue are more than 20 000 copies of publications in 15 000 kinds including the works of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The opening ceremony took place at the Okryu Exhibition Hall on April 11.

It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials, reporters and editors in the field of publication.

Addressing the ceremony, Ri Il Hwan described President Kim Il Sung as an outstanding thinker and theoretician who created the immortal Juche idea and successfully applied it to revolutionary practice and said that as Chairman Kim Jong Il constantly developed and enriched the

Juche idea, Kimilsungism could shine more brilliantly as the guiding ideology of the era of independence.

He noted that General Secretary Kim Jong Un wrote and published immortal classic works to provide the guidelines of great significance in preserving the original revolutionary features of the Workers' Party of Korea and ushering in an era of our-nation-first principle.

After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round the venue.



Visitors to the national book exhibition are interested in books published at the Higher Educational Books Publishing House.

Awards ceremony held

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Party and state decorations were awarded to officials, working people and service personnel, who rendered distinguished services to carrying out the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea, on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

An awards ceremony took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on April 7.

It was attended by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political

Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and meritorious persons.

Choe Ryong Hae read out a decree of the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly on awarding state decorations to those who performed distinguished feats in implementing the Party's policies on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of the President.

According to the decree, Order of Kim Il Sung, the top honour in the DPRK, was awarded to four persons and the title of the DPRK Labour Hero to two others.

Honorary titles went to 33 people. The title of People's Scientist was awarded to two and that of People's Teacher to one, while Order of the National Flag 1st Class was conferred on 133 persons, Order of Labour on 357, Order of the National Flag 2nd Class on 3 737 and Order of the National Flag 3rd Class on 4 511.



Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, hands out Party and state decorations at the awards ceremony held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

Stamps issued, stamp show opens

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The State Stamp Bureau brought out new stamps including an individual stamp, miniature sheet and sheetlet on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae in balmy April is depicted on the individual stamp against the background of lots of fireworks going off in the sky of celebration.

The miniature sheet embossed with letters "April 15 Day of the Sun" bears the image of President Kim Il Sung.

Depicted on the sheetlet are Korean paintings "The eternal Sun", "President Kim Il Sung trains workers of Kangson as frontrunners in the Chollima Movement" and "A bumper harvest in the field".

Seen in the upper parts of the stamps are letters reading "In celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung".

A stamp exhibition opened on April 8 on the same occasion.

On show are stamps bearing the beaming images of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il

and showing the noble revolutionary career and exploits of the President.

Exhibits include those showing the proud achievements the Korean people have made in the annals of creation and construction under the leadership of the President and encapsulating the reality of the country.

Also seen are stamps on various themes presented by stamp collectors.

Its opening ceremony took place at the Korean Stamp Exhibition House.

It was attended by Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, officials and employees of the State Stamp Bureau and philatelists in Pyongyang.



Individual stamp issued on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Art exhibition opens

KCNA

The national art exhibition “The cause of the Sun is everlasting” opened as part of the national fine art festival in celebration of the Day of the Sun.

Its opening ceremony took place at the Okryu Exhibition Hall on April 7.

On display at the venue are artworks which show the brilliant revolutionary career and undying exploits of President Kim Il Sung, who ushered in a new era of independence with

his outstanding ideas and theories, extraordinary leadershipability and gigantic revolutionary practices, and provided precious assets for the eternal prosperity of the country and nation.

The opening ceremony was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, relevant officials, art experts and working people in Pyongyang.

Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, said in his opening address that the art exhibition

would serve as a significant occasion that would impress deep on the people’s minds the immortal revolutionary career of the President and inject vitality in the heroic struggle of all the Korean people who are opening up a new era of all-round rejuvenation as they advance along the victorious course indicated by the Party.

After the opening ceremony, the participants looked round the venue.

Similar exhibitions were opened by Pyongyang Municipality and provinces.



Visitors show keen interest in the artworks on show at the national art exhibition.

Film show opens

KCNA

A week-long film show was opened at the Pyongyang International Cinema House on April 11 on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Documentaries and feature films on different themes will be screened at cinemas and halls of culture

in Pyongyang and local areas in the period to show the immortal revolutionary career and undying exploits of the President.

The feature film “One Day and One Night”, which has been completed as a model of the times, is also to be screened.

Its opening ceremony was attended by Ri Il Hwan,

secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Ri Myong Chol, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, officials, creators, actors and actresses from the film sector in Pyongyang.

After the ceremony was over, the participants saw the documentary “Our Leader Praised by All”.

TU members hold oratorical contest

KCNA

There was a national oratorical contest of officials and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on April 13 in celebration of the 110th anniversary of the birth

of President Kim Il Sung.

It was attended by Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the GFTUK, its officials and workers and TU members in Pyongyang.

Speakers said that the revolutionary cause of Juche which was pioneered by President Kim Il Sung

and inherited by Chairman Kim Jong Il is being carried forward by General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the Workers’ Party of Korea, and stressed that socialist Korea would shine brilliantly as the country of the eternal Sun as it is led by the great man born of Heaven.

Farmers hold oath-taking meeting

KCNA

On April 13, an oath-taking meeting of agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea (UAWK) was held at the Rihyon Vegetable Cooperative

Farm in Sadong District, Pyongyang, on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

It was attended by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Hong Chol Jin, secretary of

the Pyongyang Municipal Party Committee and relevant officials.

Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the UAWK, read a letter of pledge written to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Provincial, city, county meetings mark Day of Sun

KCNA

Meetings were held to mark the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung in the provinces, cities and counties across the country.

Senior officials of the relevant units addressed the meetings which were attended by officials and workers of local Party and government organs, working people’s organizations, factories and enterprises.

The speakers extended the greatest reverence and eternal

glory to President Kim Il Sung, who is the founding father of Juche Korea, the eternal leader of the Party and revolution and the benevolent father of the people, in reflection of the immense yearnings and ardent minds of the Korean people celebrating the Day of the Sun, the greatest national holiday.

They recalled with excitement the revolutionary life of the President who performed the immortal exploits for the country and people that would shine forever throughout the ages.

The revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by Kim Il Sung was thoroughly carried forward by Chairman Kim Jong Il and is now making a dynamic advance at a new higher level under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, they said, and pledged to make selfless devotion in the general all-people onward march for the prosperity of the socialist state following the guidance of the General Secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

Academic degrees and titles conferred on intellectuals

KCNA

Intellectuals were awarded academic degrees and titles on the occasion of the Day of the Sun, birthday of President Kim Il Sung and a greatest national holiday.

According to a decision of the State Commission for Conferment of Academic Degrees and Titles, the title of professor was conferred on Kong Yong Su, a faculty dean of Kim Il Sung University, and 12 other

persons.

Doctorates went to Kim Ji Hyon, an office director of Kim Il Sung University, and 71 other persons, associate professorships to 102 others and master’s degrees to 1 060.

Mangyongdae Prize national martial arts championships open

KCNA

The Mangyongdae Prize national martial arts championships opened in Pyongyang in celebration of the Day of the Sun.

Taking part in the championships are over 600 male and female players from more than 40 units including the Taekwon-Do teams across the country.

The entrants will compete in more than 60 events of such sports as Taekwon-Do, wushu and paduk(go).

An opening ceremony was held at the Taekwon-Do Hall in Pyongyang on April 8.

It was attended by Ri Tu Song, vice-chairman of the National Sports Guidance Committee and also department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Kim Chun Sik, secretary general of the National Sports Guidance Committee, relevant officials, sportspersons and Pyongyang citizens.

Vice-Premier Kim Song Ryong in his opening address referred to the significance of the championships held in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and

expressed his belief that the event would be another important occasion in developing martial arts of the country, before declaring the championships open.

The flag symbolic of the championships was hoisted amid the playing of the song *The Leader Is the Eternal Sun of the People*, which was followed by a demonstration of players of the Taekwon-Do team of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee.

The championships will run at the Taekwon-Do Hall and the Taekwon-Do Holy House until April 18.

Cooking festival runs in Pyongyang

KCNA

The 25th cooking festival in celebration of the Day of the Sun opened at the Pyongyang Noodle House.

It has drawn many units in the sectors of public

catering service, external service and catering service in Pyongyang.

It is being held, divided into signature dish, cooking sci-tech achievements and compulsory dish exhibitions, culinary contest and the demonstration of

master cooks.

Experts say that the festival, which is held amid the deep interest of cooking and service specialists and other citizens, will contribute to the development of food culture of the country.

Joint national meeting of KCU held



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children’s Union organizations is held at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School on April 14.

KCNA

There was a joint national meeting of the Korean Children’s Union organizations at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School on April 14 to mark the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

It was attended by students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School and Pyongyang Primary School for Orphans, schoolchildren in the capital city and pupils who were to join the KCU.

Present there at invitation were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Kim Yong Hwan,

chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Party Committee, Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, relevant officials, youth league officials, and merited persons in Pyongyang.

Before the meeting, the participants presented baskets of flowers and bouquets to the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and made a deep bow to them.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report.

Then there was a ceremony of accession to the KCU.

Led by Ri Il Hwan, schoolchildren to be admitted to the KCU took an oath.

Officials and merited persons put red ties around their necks and pinned KCU badges on their chests.

Loudly responding to the slogan “Let’s always be ready for the socialist motherland!”, they gave their first salute as members of the KCU.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Kim Song Bong, principal of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, Pak Pong Hui, headmistress of Okryu Primary School and Jong Song Ok, secretary general of the Athletics Association of the DPRK.

Top honour prizes awarded to young people

KCNA

On the occasion of the Day of the Sun, Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize were awarded to exemplary primary and sub-primary youth league committees, youth league officials and members and children’s union members.

According to a decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK, Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize went to 24 primary and sub-primary youth league committees and 27 youth league officials and members.

And 106 members of the children’s union received Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize.

Schoolchildren give performance

KCNA

Art performance “The Generalissimo Is Our Eternal Sun” was given in celebration of the Day of the Sun by the art group members of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren’s Palace and the Pyongyang Students and Children’s Palace at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-Air Theatre on April 13.

Among the audience were Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials concerned, youth league officials and young people in Pyongyang.

The performance started with prelude “The Day of the Sun is eternal thanks to the

Marshal” and included serial songs on Mangyongdae and dance pieces reflecting the performers’ great joy and pride of marking the day.

A variety of numbers put on stage were acclaimed by the audience.

Choral recitation of poem “Forward following Marshal

Kim Jong Un” revved up the celebration atmosphere.

The performance ended with finale “We Are the Happiest in the World”.



A scene of the art performance of the art group members of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren’s Palace and the Pyongyang Students and Children’s Palace.

Illumination festival lights up

KCNA

An illumination festival opened in the capital city of Pyongyang on April 14 in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Amid the playing of odes in praise of the Sun and to motherland, artistic pictures of fascinating light were unfolded to decorate the festival venue conspicuously.

When slogan boards and animations were projected to the walls of high buildings around the Tower of the Juche Idea

and different shapes of light including sunbeam were emitted, citizens kept heaving a sigh of admiration in great excitement.

Dancing fountains sprang up rhythmically on the surface of the Taedong River, where seven-coloured brilliant illuminations were reflected and specifically-decorated excursion boats and yachts crossed each other skilfully, adding more to the festive mood.

Colourful decorative illuminations were installed in a concentrated manner on green areas around grand

stairs of Kim Il Sung Square to evoke a distinctive mood of night.

The citizens were deeply impressed by the decorations representing the President’s birthplace at Mangyongdae, Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, the Chollima Statue and national symbols by applying formative arts.

People spent a good time while coming and going arch-style decorations gorgeous with light letters to have photos taken and shooting videos.

The illumination festival runs until April 17.



An illumination festival opens in Pyongyang on April 14 in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.



Reflection of Korean people's single-minded devotion to great Sun

Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival opens



The opening performance of the Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival is given at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on April 10.

KCNA

The Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival began in Pyongyang.

The festival, involving many artists and working people of over 20 organizations selected

from all regions and units across the country, takes place at theatres and halls in Pyongyang, divided into categories of provincial art troupes, artistic motivational teams, mobile artistic motivational teams and art groups. It also includes a

magic festival.

Its opening ceremony was held at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on April 10.

It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Song

Hak, vice-premier of the Cabinet, relevant officials and participants in the festival.

Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture and chairman of the festival organizing committee, made an opening speech.

The splendid April Spring

People's Art Festival held in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung is a great political and artistic festival peculiar to Juche Korea which will, through beautiful artistic scenes, fully demonstrate all the Korean people's firm faith and will to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered in Mt Paektu, the speaker stressed.

Expressing his conviction that all participants in the festival would powerfully promote the general advance for implementing decisions made at the Eighth WPK Congress and the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee by loudly singing of the President's immortal revolutionary achievements and giving full play to the noble spiritual and moral qualities of the people loyal to their leader's idea and cause and their artistic skills, he declared the festival open.

The flag of the festival was hoisted amid the playing of the song His Eternal Smile.

The first performances of the Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival were given on April 11.

They were seen by officials of ministries and national agencies and working people, youth and students in Pyongyang.



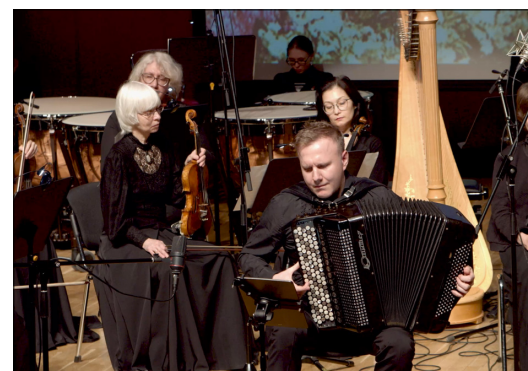
Scenes of artistic performances of the Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival.

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Hymn sung by world in praise of great man

32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival opens



Scenes from the 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival.

KCNA

The 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival began in Pyongyang to mark the 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

It drew art troupes, dance troupes and acrobatic troupes from dozens of countries including China, Russia, Cuba, Vietnam, Laos, Belarus, Moldova, Hungary, Austria, France and Ethiopia and overseas Koreans' art troupes.

Presented to the festival were videos of colourful performances given by

world-renowned art troupes and artists.

Art institutions and performing artists from many countries and regions across the world and overseas Korean artists applied for participation in the festival competitively, prepared for their performances with great efforts and produced excellent pieces of work.

Governments and cultural and art circles in many countries gave positive support to the participation in the festival of their prestigious art institutions and took a series of measures for their successful performances

with sincerity.

Governments, personages from all parts of society and artists of China, Russia, Cuba, Vietnam, Laos, Mongolia, Tajikistan and other countries sent through international communications the videos which included their congratulatory remarks showing their pride and honour of taking part in the festival and sincere wish for its successful holding.

The festival opened on April 10 amidst the great expectation and interest at home and abroad.

The festival organizing

committee released news about the opening of the festival through the Korean Central TV and websites like Korean Art.

Introduced in the video clip showing the ideal, tradition and vitality of the April Spring Friendship Art Festival were the new form, method and scale of the current festival, congratulatory remarks from government officials and artists of various countries and scenes of performances.

The Chinese minister of culture and tourism, the Russian culture minister and the vice-minister of culture of Cuba in their congratulatory

remarks wished the festival promoting friendship and cultural development between nations great success.

The chairman of the festival organizing committee expressed deep gratitude to personages and artists of different countries for their tremendous efforts for the successful holding of the festival, hoping that it would contribute to developing cultural relations between nations.

The video of performance by the China Oriental Performing Arts Group "Song of Praise of Peace and Friendship" added brilliance to the opening of the festival.

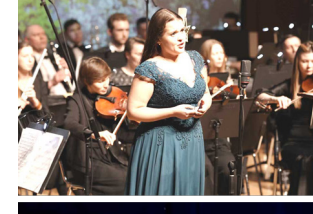
The artistes of the group were honoured to give a performance in the presence of President Kim Il Sung at the Eighth April Spring Friendship Art Festival and won the festival golden prize several times later. This time they prepared chorus *Song of General Kim Il Sung*, female quartet *Ardent Wish* and other numbers with sincerity.

In the male solo and chorus *New World*, female solo *Fluttering Red Flag*, dance and percussion instrumental play *Galloping Horses* and other numbers performing artists flaunted their individual singing methods, graceful rhythms and well-knit ensemble to fully display the ambition and spirit of the Chinese nation and charms of its national dance.

Male solo and dance *We Love Our Country* representing the love for the beautiful country and noble patriotic spirit of the Korean people to demonstrate their socialist homeland to the whole world and magic piece "A Shadow in Illusion" vividly portraying the thematic and ideological content of the piece of work with a novel idea and remarkable skills injected fresh vigour into the performance.

The performance ended with chorus *DPRK-China Friendship Is Everlasting*, giving confidence that the exploits performed by the peerlessly great men for the times and history will be immortal and the DPRK-China friendship with socialism as the core invincible.

Videos of performances presented to the festival will be broadcast by the Korean Central TV and posted on Korean Art and other websites until April 20.



Tenth anniversary of Kim Jong Un's election to top posts of WPK and state celebrated

National meeting highlights celebrations



KCNA

A national meeting took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on April 10 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election as the Party and state leader.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the

WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the SAC and premier of the DPRK Cabinet.

Attending the meeting were leading officials of the Party and the government, the chairperson of a friendly party, senior officials of the armed forces organs, members of the Party central leadership body in Pyongyang, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, officials of Party and power organs, working people's organizations, armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools, officials of institutions and industrial establishments and persons of merit in Pyongyang.

Choe Ryong Hae made a report.

He stressed that it is the great honour and pride of the Party and the DPRK and the greatest happiness of the Korean people to hold the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem as their top leader.

He said that the past 10 years, for which the Korean people have struggled under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, are shining as the sacred annals in which monuments to the most successful and great victories have been erected in the face of unprecedented difficulties.

He noted that the General Secretary, by scientifically seeing through the law governing the development of the revolution and the demands of the times with his foresight and wisdom, clearly indicated the path to be followed by the Party and the country for their development by making clear

the far-reaching strategy of the Juche revolution and laying down perfect action programmes and guidelines for victory.

He said that it is the most prominent achievement of the General Secretary in the history of his leadership of the Korean revolution that he developed the WPK into the strong political staff of the Juche revolution with invincible leadership ability and fighting efficiency.

It is his great revolutionary exploit that he opened up a new era of a powerful socialist nation prospering and developing with self-sustenance and self-reliance by drastically increasing the national power of the DPRK, he said.

Recalling that the General Secretary placed the country on the status of a full-fledged military power equipped with all powerful physical means of self-defence, he praised

him as a peerless patriot and great defender of peace to be admired by the Korean nation and other progressive peoples for all ages.

The past decade, during which the Korean people have waged a sacred struggle for carrying on the revolution under the leadership of a gifted thinker and theoretician, outstanding statesman and peerlessly great commander, clearly proved that the absolute trust in and expectations for the General Secretary of the Korean people, who entrusted him with the destiny and future of the Korean revolution, were the inevitable and choice of history, the reporter stressed.

He called on the entire Party, all the people and the whole army to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered in Paektu by devotedly defending

the General Secretary, the destiny and future of Juche Korea, politically and ideologically, and remaining faithful to his idea and leadership.

Only victory and glory are in store for our Party and people advancing with redoubled courage towards the communist future under the leadership of the respected General Secretary, he said, and ardently called on everyone to work hard for the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, for the cause of the great WPK and for the prosperity of our country, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On the same day meetings took place in all provinces, cities and counties to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election as the top leader of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK.

New hall added to Korean Revolution Museum



KCNA

At the Korean Revolution Museum there has been newly arranged the Hall Dedicated to the Period of Struggle for Opening up a Turning Phase in the Building of a Powerful Socialist Country with nearly 800 pieces of historic relics and materials on display.

Consisting of four rooms, the hall incorporates the undying leadership exploits of General Secretary

Kim Jong Un who conducted energetic revolutionary activities for five years after the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea which was recorded as another turning point in the revolutionary history of Juche to bring about a radical turn in the struggle for the development and strengthening of the WPK and the building of a powerful socialist country.

In the first room there are

the photos of the General Secretary wisely leading the struggle to turn the Seventh Congress of the WPK into a great revolutionary event to be recorded in the history of the Party and consolidate the might of the country as a political and ideological power in every way.

It also has revolutionary relics such as autographs he left in those days for accomplishing the historic cause of implementing

the national nuclear arms programme and a miniature he examined while inspecting the construction site of Ryomyong Street.

The second room has historical materials about his wise organization of and guidance to the struggle to build up the national defence capabilities to firmly defend the country's sovereignty and provide an external environment favourable for the Korean revolution.

The third room shows the country's proud history of prosperity based on self-reliance in which the Korean people strengthened the independence and Juche character of the national economy in every way by relying on their own efforts, technology and resources and fully demonstrated the might of the national independent economy under the leadership of the WPK which put self-reliance

forward as an unchangeable political line and national trait.

The fourth room has historic relics to show the fact that he led the struggle to step up the construction of socialist culture, set forth the revolutionary line of making a frontal breakthrough at the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Party Central Committee and led the struggle to implement the line.

Senior Party, government officials visit Korean Revolution Museum



Senior WPK and government officials listen to an explanation about the wise leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un at the Korean Revolution Museum.

KCNA

Senior Party and government officials visited the Korean Revolution Museum on April 10 on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the election of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

They included Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, and other

cadres of the Party and government and leading officials of working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies.

After being briefed on the immortal exploits Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, performed on the sacred journey of devoted service for the people, they looked round several rooms of the Hall Dedicated to the Period of Struggle for Opening up a Turning Phase in the Building of a Powerful Socialist Country newly arranged at the Korean Revolution Museum.

Encapsulated in the hall are the revolutionary leadership exploits of the General Secretary who has ushered in a new era of self-respect and prosperity, the era of our state-first principle by energetically leading the WPK, the state and people along the road of victory.

Commemorative stamp issued



New miniature sheet.

KCNA

The State Stamp Bureau brought out a new miniature sheet in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the election of Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Seen at the centre of it is the photograph of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK who leads the revolutionary cause of Juche along the road of victory, against a red background and rays of light.

Seen on the upper part are the letters reading "Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the election of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the top posts of our Party and state".

Figures and letters "2012 10th anniversary 2022" are embossed at the lower part of the sheet harmoniously representing the flag of the WPK, an ever-victorious banner, flag of the DPRK, symbol of the great country, and magnolia blossoms.

Photo exhibition held in provinces

KCNA

Photo exhibitions "Decade of great victories and changes" opened in different provinces to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kim Jong Un's election to top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state. On display at the

exhibition halls are photos showing the achievements of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who opens up a new era of prosperity, when the ideal and happiness of the people and the desire of the powerful country are realized, with his energetic ideological and theoretical activities and gigantic revolutionary

practice.

Among them are those reflecting the struggle of the people, who have turned out in the general advance for achieving the overall development of socialism according to the blueprint provided by the Eighth WPK Congress, and the vibrant reality of the country.

Art exhibition opens

KCNA

A national art exhibition opened at the Korean Fine Art Museum on April 8 to mark the 10th anniversary of the election of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Hanging at the venue of the exhibition are artworks showing the personality traits as great men of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, founder, builders and eternal leaders of the Party and the state.

On display are other

pieces of art depicting the proud successes the Korean people achieved and the looks of the country that improve remarkably under the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un who guides the Juche revolutionary cause along the road of victory by dint of his outstanding ideology and far-sighted wisdom.

Its opening ceremony was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, officials concerned, artists and working people in Pyongyang.

Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, delivered an opening address.

Referring to the eye-opening reality in which the dignity and power of Juche Korea have reached the highest level and its strategic position has enjoyed a rapid rise, he stressed that it is the greatest luck and honour the Korean people have as they elected Kim Jong Un, peerlessly great man, to the top posts of the Party and the state.

After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round the venue.



Visitors look round exhibits with interest at the national art exhibition.

Congratulatory messages adopted by different units at all levels

KCNA

Meetings were held in different institutions, factories, enterprises, cooperative farms and universities to adopt congratulatory messages in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the election of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Endless confidence in the WPK General Secretary, who set forth important guidelines and ideological and theoretical weapons to be invariably adhered to and held in the struggle for upbuilding the Party and achieving the prosperity of the country, was expressed at the meetings which were held at the central cadres training school of the WPK and the Academy of Social Sciences.

Meetings of ministries and national agencies including the Ministry of Electric Power Industry, the Ministry of Coal Industry and the Ministry of Machine-building Industry said that the Korean people

could embroider the sacred journey of a new century of the Juche era with victory and glory thanks to his wise leadership.

Officials and working people of such metallurgical and chemical factories and complexes as the Chollima Steel Complex, Kim Chack Iron and Steel Complex, Namhung Youth Chemical Complex and February 8 Vinalon Complex adopted congratulatory messages which were replete with their endless gratitude towards the benevolent father of the people and their determination to repay.

Those of the Sangwon and Sunchon cement complexes, Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory, Huichon Silk Mill and Pyongyang Children's Foodstuff Factory reflected their resolve to effect an upsurge in production on their congratulatory messages.

Resolutions were expressed at the meetings in the Oguk Cooperative Farm in Anak County and the Sowon Cooperative Farm in

Pyoongsong County to repay the favour of the General Secretary with increased grain output.

Agricultural workers of the Sinam Cooperative Farm in Ryongchon County and Togam Cooperative Farm in Kaesong City solemnly pledged to fulfil their role as those in direct charge of the rural revolution and promotion in the efforts to put agricultural production on the track of growth and drastically change the living environment in the countryside.

Oaths of loyalty were also expressed in the meetings at Kim Il Sung University, Kim Chack University of Technology, Phyongsong University of Coal Mining Industry and different units of the art and literature sector and media to briskly launch revolutionary and progressive creation and writing activities to meet the requirements of reality in which fresh innovations, bold creation and steady advances have become the demand of the revolution and the aspiration of the times.

Nation celebrates 10th anniv of Kim Jong Un's election to top posts of Party and state

KCNA

People all across the DPRK celebrated the 10th anniversary of Kim Jong Un's election to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and all over the country to lay floral baskets, bouquets and flowers to pay homage

to them.

Seen on streets of Pyongyang and local areas were boards reading, "Long live General Kim Jong Un, the Sun of Juche Korea", "Boundless honour and greatest happiness of holding the peerlessly

great man in high esteem", "Election to the top posts of the Party and state" and others.

Celebratory performances were given by central artistic motivational teams and artistic groups in Pyongyang and meetings were held

by working people's organizations in different parts of the country.

Dance parties of youth and students and women's union members added festive mood to celebrations in every provincial seat, city and county.

Celebratory performances were given in Sinuiju, Phyongsong, Kanggye and other parts of the country, including the one staged by artistes of the South Hamgyong provincial art troupe at Hamhung Plaza.



Events take place through out the country to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the election of Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Meetings of working people's organizations extol wise leadership of the WPK General Secretary

KCNA

Working people's organizations held meetings on April 11 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election as the top leader of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK.

They were attended by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Hong Chol Jin, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Party Committee, officials concerned, officials of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea, workers, members of the GFTUK, agricultural workers and

members of the UAWK.

At the meeting of workers and members of the GFTUK held at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang, Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the GFTUK, made a report, followed by speeches.

The speakers stressed that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election as the top leader of the Party and the state was a political event that provided a sure guarantee for carrying forward and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered on Mt Paektu and was a great happy event to be recorded in the history of the nation.

At the meeting of agricultural

workers and members of the UAWK held at the Saegil Cooperative Farm in Sinchon County, Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, made a report, followed by speeches.

The speakers said that under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, the dignity and status of the country have reached the highest level over the last ten years and a new era of self-existence and prosperity, the age of our-state-first principle, has opened on this land and expressed their determination to push forward the rural development and gather bumper harvests from every farm field of the socialist country, upholding his idea and leadership.



A glimpse of the meeting of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea.

Youth hold oratorical contest

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Young people and students held an oratorical contest on April 8 at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang to mark the 10th anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

It was attended by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee

of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, youth league officials, young people and students.

At the contest Chac Chung Hyok, chairman of the primary youth league committee of the Academy of Agricultural Science, Pak Sung Hyon, student at Pyongyang University of Architecture, Yun Hyo Jong, worker at the Agricultural Commission, and others took the floor.

Highly praising the undying exploits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who

has ushered in a new era of self-respect and prosperity, the era of our state-first principle unprecedented in the 5 000-year history of the nation, to lift the dignity and power of the DPRK to the highest level with outstanding and seasoned leadership, they ardently appealed to all young people to add glory to the noble call of patriotic youth in the historic advance towards a fresh victory of the revolution by fluttering the flag of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

Dance parties of young people

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Youths and students in Pyongyang held dance parties at the plazas of the Arch of Triumph and Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on April 11 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the election of Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

They merrily danced with great pride in and honour of enjoying the blessing of having the great leaders and the Sun through generations.



Youth and students dance merrily at the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

Women's union officials and members hold dance party

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A dance party of officials and members of the women's union was held at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on April 11 to celebrate the 10th

anniversary of the election of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Amid the playing of merry songs, the

participants unfolded a sea of dance, extending the greatest honour and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un who has ushered in a new era of self-existence and prosperity.



President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae

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In Mangyongdae, Pyongyang, there is the birthplace of President Kim Il Sung, founding father of socialist Korea and great leader of the Korean people, where he was born and spent his childhood.

From olden times, Mangyongdae has been renowned as a scenic place along with the eight scenic attractions of Pyongyang. The highest hill around the area is called Mangyong Hill.

The name suggests that the hill commands ten thousand scenes. And the village at the foot of the hill has been called Mangyongdae.

The President's straw-thatched house at Mangyongdae is a humble rural house that could be found everywhere in Korea in the past. There in the house his revolutionary family members lived through generations as they fought against foreign invaders and for achieving the

independence of the country and freedom and liberation of the people.

Kim Il Sung was born as the eldest son of Kim Hyong Jik and Kang Pan Sok in the house on April 15 1912.

He cherished a great aim of making revolution receiving patriotic education from his parents and left Mangyongdae at the age of 13 to embark on the road of revolution with a firm determination not to return home before winning back his deprived country.

Shouldering the destiny of the country and nation, he organized and led the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to achieve the historic cause of national liberation and made a triumphal return home 20 years later to have an emotion-charged reunion with his grandparents.

Unfortunately, no other members of his family who had left the house to liberate the country could return home.

Although his grandparents deserved to lead a comfortable

life after liberation for guiding their offspring to participate in the revolutionary struggle, they did farming till the last moments of their lives as they lived in the house, holding their grandson as the General of the country and the leader of the nation.

The house preserves intact the historical relics showing the living of his family members who devoted themselves through generations to the country and people, although pressed by grinding poverty during the dark period of Japanese military rule.

A millstone, misshapen jar, water jug which lost its original shape through repeated mending and various farm implements reflect the hard life and backbreaking labour his family members went through.

Other historical relics associated with his childhood such as Warship Rock, Sliding Rock, Wrestling Site and Learning Site are preserved in the vicinity of his old home.



Historical relics preserved at the President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae.

